

STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Previously Presented) A polymeric coating for a substrate comprising:

water, a biocompatible visualization agent that reflects or emits light at a wavelength detectable to a human eye to thereby provide a means for visualization of the coating using a human eye, and a biodegradable hydrogel, with the hydrogel having an interior and an exterior, with the exterior having a substrate coating surface, and the visualization agent being at least partially disposed within the interior.

2. (Original) The polymeric coating of claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises tissue and the coating is tissue adherent.

3. (Original) The polymeric coating of claim 1, wherein the hydrogel comprises crosslinked polymers that are selected from the group consisting of collagen, fibrinogen, albumin, and fibrin.

4. (Original) The polymeric coating of claim 1, wherein the hydrogel is made of synthetic materials.

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